

PCO Call - Jan 26th 2022

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Z – more info on US Nexus

Mike MacDonald

- * 4 lanes of work:
 - * Communications: internal Govt of Canada and public/social media
 - * Ministerial Security lane: 18 Ministers expected in town on Monday. Sgt at Arms did something today with NCR MPs, another event tomorrow with MPs
 - * Peaceful Event:
 - * National Security, law enforcement lane
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 - * Threat assessment from a law enforcement perspective hasn't changed
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 - * Some awareness of undesirables looking to latch onto convoys, some have been kicked out
- * Non-threat:
 - * Sgt at Arms, PPS, OPS, RCMP, all seeing peaceful event, no indications otherwise but watching the chatter
 - * US Nexus: Have asked including CBSA, not seeing it yet, have committed to digging into it more
- * PPS fully integrated into INTERSECT, mobilization happening, picture still evolving as convoy is still evolving
 - * Prepped for Jan 6th scenario
 - * Also like Canada Day, where 500,000+ people are downtown, prepping with that level of seriousness
- * PSPC has shut down construction along Wellington for Saturday/Sunday
- * Alert notice went out to MPs in NCR, going to send a similar message out to all MPs tomorrow
- * Roles and leads v clear
 - * OPS lead in Ottawa. PPS lead on Parl Precinct, Sgt of Arms inside. RCMP have broader MP safety responsibility as well.
 - * 9AM penultimate INTERSECT meeting tomorrow, 11AM INTERSECT executive meeting tomorrow
 - * RCMP trying to ID Ministers in Ottawa for Monday
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- * NCR partners planning for range of risks
 - * Counter-demonstrations possible

- * Blocking of intersections – protestors say they’re not going to do that, but it’s a lot of cars
- * Police liaison officers working within the structures (RCMP), helpful information

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ML: Chief Sloly update, he anticipated people could start arriving as early as Thursday. They anticipate between 1,000-2,000, and people should avoid downtown Ottawa for the weekend. Rhetoric involving Governor General, what support is being offered to her?

MM: RCMP said today that they are assessing her current protective posture, have contingency plans for her as they do the PM for extracation if needed.

Ken MacKillop: Does INTERSECT have a public facing component, any recommendations brought up?

MM: Not in on comms side of INTERSECT.

Z: Bit concerned we don’t have an assessment on #s of how many people will be there, usually have it for Canada Day is a week in advance.

High profile people from down south are also tweeting about this, these are known individuals in the Jan 6th space.

Who polices Wellington vs the precinct?

- * Ottawa for Wellington St, PPS for the precinct

Minister Blair wants an update tomorrow, looking for more granularity.

- * RCMP would be best positioned to give a more detailed briefing

Ministerial security capacity from RCMP.

Hightened but not unfounded sensitivity around threats to MPs and Ministers.

Timelines from INTERSECT:

- * Convoys will try to converge at Saturday, one staging in Arnprior the day before.

Lessons from Capitol Hill are exactly what PPS build their contingency plans on. So those lessons will be passed onto PPS from US officials.

Z: Two Ministers briefed today, when we asked for this yesterday. We need to be tighter.

How are we getting info to Ministers. Patrick: Going through GOC, will follow up and work on getting more info.

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Work on getting Minister Blair briefings, everything that’s been offered to other Ministers tomorrow AM.

Who’s communication lead from the federal govt on this?

Vaccine: Alghabra

Z: Smaller distribution list, expand as it goes on

Jacqueline – need to make sure everyone has the same information. Ken: agree. Duclos and doctors are out on Friday. Irrelevant

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